For the Northern District of California

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Plaintiff,
v.
CITY OF EUREKA,
Defendant.

And related counter and cross claims.

KFD ENTERPRISES, INC.,

No. C-08-4571 MMC

ORDER GRANTING KFD ENTERPRISES, INC. AND KENNETH DAER'S MOTION TO STRIKE

Before the Court is plaintiff and cross-defendant KFD Enterprises, Inc. and third-party defendant Kenneth Daer's (collectively, "the moving parties") "Motion to Strike Portions of the First Amended Counterclaim and Third-Party Complaint of City of Eureka," filed August 10, 2009. Counter-claimant and third-party plaintiff City of Eureka ("the City") has filed a "Conditional Non-Opposition," to which the moving parties have replied. Having read and considered the papers filed in support of and in opposition to the motion, the Court rules as follows.

¹ By order dated September 30, 2009, the previously scheduled hearing on the motion was vacated.

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Paragraph 92 of the complaint at issue, by which the City alleges the moving parties acted with "oppression, fraud or malice, and in wanton disregard of the health and safety" of others, is, for the reason stated by the moving parties, subject to being stricken. <u>See</u> Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(f) ("The court may strike from a pleading an insufficient defense or any redundant, immaterial, impertinent, or scandalous matter.")

Accordingly, the Motion is hereby GRANTED, and Paragraph 92 is stricken from the City's First-Amended Complaint.²

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 19, 2009

United States District Judge

² The City states subsequent discovery may uncover facts to support a claim for "exemplary damages" and that it may seek to "state a claim" therefor. (See Cond. Opp'n Br. 2:6-10.) The instant order does not foreclose the City from making any appropriate motion at a later date.